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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

Nicole SCHOEDEL et al.

Serial No.: 09/931,177

Group Art Unit: 1764

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Examiner: Thanh P. Duong

For: REACTOR FOR PERFORMING A STRONGLY HEAT-CONDITIONED CATALYTIC REACTION

REPLY

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued July 26, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.


Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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In view of the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that US '765, alone or in combination with US '358, fails to render obvious applicants' claimed invention as recited in claims 4-9. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 USC §103(a) is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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